

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 25, 2005, Applicants have amended claims 20, 22 and 29. Claims 17, 18, 20, 22, 24-26 and 29 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

Claims 20, 22 and 29 have been amended to replace "described by SEQ ID NO: 21" with "of SEQ ID NO: 21", in accordance with a suggestion by the Examiner to clarify the claim language. These amendments to the claims do not involve any new matter or objectionable changes.

Rejections Under 35 USC §112

At page 3 of the Office Action, claims 20, 22 and 29 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as indefinite in the recitation of "described by". In response, Applicants have amended these claims to replace "described by" with "of", as suggested by the Examiner.

At page 3 of the Office Action, claims 24-26 were rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. In response, Applicants submit herewith a Statement that the deposited expression vectors recited in the claims have been deposited under the Budapest Treaty and that these biological materials will be irrevocably and without restriction or condition released to the public upon the issuance of a patent.

At page 5 of the Office Action, it is noted that 37 CFR §1.809(d) requires the specification to contain the accession number for the deposit, the date of the deposit, the name and address of the depository, and a description of the deposited material sufficient to specifically identify it and permit examination. Applicants respectfully note that the application, as originally filed, contains all of this required information at pages 29-31.

Allowable Subject Matter

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 17 and 18 are allowable. In addition, the Examiner indicated that claims 20, 22 and 29 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, and that claims 24-26 would be allowable if the requirements under 35 USC §112, 1st paragraph, are satisfied. Applicants

appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter and have made a good faith effort to comply with the requirements for placing all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

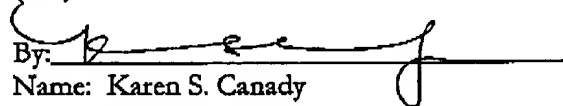
Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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